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THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

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THE ITALIAN ADVANCE.

LONDON, May 17.
A correspondent at Italian Headquarters states that the Italian advance was highly spectacular. Crossing the precipitous Isenzo gorge on narrow bridges, regardless of clouds of shrapnel, the first line trenches fell immediately, then the Italians made the steep ascent at Monte Kuk to the Austrian second line, 800 feet above, which consisted of bristling machine guns. The battle raged all day and all night till the Italians outflanked and captured the whole position. Monte Kuk's summit 1,800 feet (beyond?) were captured later. A furious counter-attack on both fronts followed, but after heavy fighting the enemy were repulsed and Kuk was definitely won.

RUSSIA AND THE WAR.

STATEMENT BY PREMIER.

PETROGRAD, May 17.
At a meeting of the Provisional Government and the Executive of the Workers' and Soldiers' Delegates, the Premier, M. Lvoff, declared that the defeat of Russia and her Allies would be a national disaster. Hence, the Government was confident that the revolutionary army will not allow the Germans to be victorious.

RUSSIAN GENERALS HOPEFUL.

PETROGRAD, May 17.
Generals Alexieff, Dragomiroff, Gurko and Brusiloff declare that the Coalition Ministry will restore the discipline of the army, which is enthusiastic over the appointment of M. Kerensky as Minister of War.

STRIKES AND MUNITION MAKING.

LONDON, May 17.
In the House of Commons, discussing the engineering strike, Dr. Addison, Minister of Munitions, emphasised the vital importance of a Munitions Amendment Bill in view of the tremendous programme for aeroplane engines, guns and shipbuilding. It was absolutely necessary to take skilled men from private firms and the dilution of labour was the only way of maintaining such firms.
Dr. Addison said that he stood most firmly to his Bill, but he was prepared to discuss details with the representatives of the Amalgamated Societies and whoever they brought, but he declined to receive directly the representatives of the strikers.

THE IRISH PROPOSALS.

ATTITUDE OF THE TWO PARTIES.

LONDON, May 17.
Mr. Redmond, in a letter to Mr. Lloyd George, refuses the proposal of immediate Home Rule, exclusive of Ulster, but accepts the alternative of a Convention. Sir John Brownlee Lonsdale, on behalf of the Ulster Unionists, undertakes to submit the proposals for the Ulster Council's careful consideration; but, according to the Press Association, the Ulster leaders in the House of Commons stated last evening that they would not submit the Convention proposal to the Council, nor themselves serve on such a body.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, May 17.
Silver is very quiet.

AFTER-WAR TRADE.

GROWING GERMAN FEARS.

LONDON, May 17.
The big industrial paper, the *Rheinisch-Westfälische Zeitung*, publishes an article showing the further spread of the scare regarding after-war trade which started in the German banking press, including the *Berliner Tageblatt*, the *Frankfurter Zeitung*, and the *Frankfurter Zeitung*.
There seems to be a deliberate intention to prepare the German nation for the surrender of all political claims if only peace is obtainable on pre-war trade conditions. The article is especially apprehensive regarding the effects of the Imperial Conference which it deems far more than the Paris Conference. It says that the establishment of an Imperial Customs Union will be a matter of extreme gravity for Germany as it would, by its weight, draw a number of smaller States into its orbit.

INTER-ALLIED COMMERCE CONFERENCE.

ROME, May 17.

The inter-Allied Commercial Conference has opened.
Lord Gainsford, on behalf of the British Delegates emphasised Great Britain's desire that the resources of the Allies should be co-ordinated. The Conference approved of the resolutions relating to trade ranks, the application of science industrially, for the health of munition workers, the employment of disabled soldiers, a system of police to protect trade after the war, a scheme for an inter-allied insurance union and measures to crush the German system of trade espionage and corruption.

THE WAR CABINET.

LONDON, May 18.

The *Times*, after describing General Smuts' speech as worthy of the great occasion, comments on his references to the War Cabinet as follows:— "Certainly the meetings of the past few weeks have been marked by an immense advance on the Imperial Conferences of past days. They have had, for one thing, the excellent result of establishing the position of India as a partner nation in the British Commonwealth. No man knows better than General Smuts the dangers which lurked in the anomalous relations of the Dominions and India. He, as much as any statesman of the Empire, must rejoice at the better promise implicit in the representation of India at the Imperial Cabinet, and he had, we may conjecture, his full share in the happy establishment of cordial relations between the representatives of the Dominions and India. General Smuts did not enter into the possibility of more complete constitutional developments for the Empire. He agreed to a special conference after the war to settle the problem and he feels that there is now no doubt that it may be left there for the moment. We are not disposed to quarrel with this discretion. The people of this country will do well to reserve their judgment in that matter and to pay grave attention to what General Smuts said about the future security of the Empire. There is real need for his reminder to bear in mind not merely Central Europe but the British Empire, when the peace settlement comes. There is a tendency here to concentrate on the problems of Europe and to leave the rest of the Empire to shift for itself. This will not do any longer, and General Smuts is absolutely right to tell us so frankly."

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GENERAL POST OFFICE, LONDON, June 1916.

(For examples of Investment in War Savings Certificates, see the other side.)

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DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED.
General Managers.
Hongkong, May 10, 1917. 1781

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held in the Club House, Happy Valley, on WEDNESDAY, 3rd May, 1917, at 3.30 p.m.

By Order,
K. M. CUMMING,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, May 11, 1917. 1786

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 26th May, 1917, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1917. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd instant to the 25th instant both days inclusive.

Peak Tramways Company Limited,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, May 15, 1917. 1787

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 26th day of May, 1917, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 22nd May, 1917, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, May 14, 1917. 1782

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A LESSON IN INTENSIVE CULTURE.

BY F. E. GIBBS.

Ever since Clarissa had given Edgar his marching orders to the allotment on the waste ground in Muddy Lane her life in her little villa had been crowded in more senses than one. Edgar had insisted upon two broad shelves in the kitchen being given over to the sprouting of seed potatoes. Luke had said that "Episcopus" had "a rare nutty flavour to 'em," and so it was Episcopus that had their "crops" turned towards the ceiling. "Clarissa could say naught to the new use of her shelves; and to tell the truth she watched the 'eyes' dawning with a new life with such eagerness as when she watched hyacinths shooting forth from their green sheaths in her drawing-room bowls.

Edgar, full of the knowledge he had acquired from the old labourer Luke, declared with truth that you could get two tons more per acre through sprouting the seed potatoes before planting, which piece of work could then be delayed until all danger from frosts had disappeared.

Not only were Clarissa's kitchen shelves crowded with her husband's seed potatoes, but the ditch-out of her afternoon tea was somewhat unaccountably posted by her husband's new agricultural vocabulary. His expressions smacked too much of the soil of the Wadden soil which had reared Luke. Edgar would talk about digging two spits deep; of using a spud; of backslabbing; of the ground being hungry.

"It's all very well your talking about digging ground for potatoes," said Clarissa to her husband; "but what I want to know is when I am going to get some spinach, or some lettuce and radishes for salad."

Edgar facetiously brought out his note-book:—"Thank you, madam," he said, "and, any more orders today?"

INTENSIVE CULTURE.

Clarissa was not angry, for she noticed that her husband was more cheerful since he had taken to digging and undermining the power of German submarines. His health had improved mightily, and though he was over military age he declared he could out-march the young "uns." His immediate "objective" was the allotment ground on that vacant building lot in Muddy Lane.

He found his neighbouring Ten Rodder, old Luke the countryman, using the Cambray hoe to obtain a fine tilth. "It's only been a squibbling bit 't' front after all," remarked Luke. "It ain't left enough grit to cover the seeds, it's too good puttin' in parsnip seeds till the dirt crumbles, but if the dirt jumps onto yer boots then it's a poor tale the rpw will have to tell."

"My wife," said Edgar, hesitatingly, "wants me to grow some radishes, lettuce and spinach quickly."

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"Widly-widly?" queried Edgar.

"Ay, don't know their own minds; first it be one thing, then it be another. First it were lettuce, now it's radishes and lettuce, maybe it'll be broadbean to-morrow. And how are yer goin' to get them quickly without a cold frame?"

Well, I'll tell yer what yer can do," continued Luke, who was always ready to advise Edgar (who was a "gentleman," as he told his mates on the railway).

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To-day's Advertisements

HONGKONG CLUB.
NOTICE.
"EMPIRE DAY."
MEMBERS and Subscribers are notified that the "C.L.P." will be THROWN OPEN to their Lady Friends on THURSDAY NEXT, EMPIRE DAY, from 11.30 A.M. to 4 P.M. Tiffin to which Ladies may be invited will be served at 1.15 P.M. A Band will be in attendance. Members and Subscribers may engage tables for tiffin after noon on MONDAY the 21st May, at the Secretary's Office. By Order, R. D. S. VIEUX, Secretary.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

FOR the WHITSUNDAY HOLIDAYS the following Competitions have been arranged:—
FOR MEN:
RUNNING POOL—SATURDAY to MONDAY.
18 Holes Big Course.
Entrance Fee \$1.00 per card.
FOR LADIES:
RUNNING POOL—SATURDAY to MONDAY.
18 Holes Relief Course.
Entrance Fee \$1.00 per card.
MIXED FOURSOMES:
RUNNING POOL—SATURDAY to MONDAY.
18 Holes Relief Course.
Entrance Fee \$1.00 per card.
WHIT MONDAY:
18 Holes Big Course.
Entrance Fee \$1.00 per couple.
There will be a First and a Second Prize and a Small Scratch Prize.
25% of all Entrance Fees to go to a War Charity.
K. M. CUMMING,
Honorary Secretary.
Hongkong, May 19, 1917.

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

8.30 p.m.—Assault at Arms on Volunteer Parade Ground.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

11 a.m.—Dedication Service at Union Church.

MEMO. FOR MONDAY.

3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.
Election of a Justice of the Peace for the Licensing Board.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, May 22.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Blackwood Ware, Pianos etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
7.30 p.m.—Auction of one Gramophone and Records at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
WEDNESDAY, May 23.
11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture etc. at No. 9 Middle Row, Kowloon.
5.30 p.m.—Annual General Meeting of the Royal H.K. Golf Club.
6 p.m.—Organ Recital at Union Church.
THURSDAY, May 24.
11.30 a.m.—Hongkong Club open to Ladies.
8.30 p.m.—Assault at Arms on Volunteer Parade Ground.
FRIDAY, May 25.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Trunks, Napery, Brass and Glass Ware etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
SATURDAY, May 26.
Queen Mary's Birthday (1887).
11.30 a.m.—Peak Tramway Co's Meeting.
Noon.—Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co's Annual Meeting.
Gymkhana Meeting at Happy Valley.
SUNDAY, May 27.
Whit Sunday.
MONDAY, May 28.
Whit Monday—General Holiday.
TUESDAY, May 29.
4 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.

is getting a clearer conception of what is involved in this struggle and it is reassuring to know that the leading Russian Generals are united in declaring that the Coalition Government which has just been formed in Russia will restore discipline in the Army. This should give us hope that now that the weather on the Russian front is becoming favourable for great military operations the Russian Army will nobly play the part that is expected of it in bringing the war to a victorious and early conclusion.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The German Club at Yokohama has been officially ordered to be closed.

The Spring meeting of the Tien-tai Race Club will be held May 21, 22 and 23.

The Constitutional Reform Association of Hongkong has been exempted from registration under the Societies Ordinance.

Piracy is reported to be prevalent in the Canton Delta. Often a junk with all its cargo is taken to an unknown destination, thus seriously affecting inland trade.

The Tamon Maru, owned by Tatsama Steamship Company and chartered by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, sank on the 12th inst. after running ashore on her way from Formosa to Yokohama.

An advertised in another column, the Hongkong Club will be thrown open to lady friends of members and subscribers on Empire Day from 11.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tiffin will be served at 1.15 p.m. when a band will be in attendance.

It is stated that the disbandment of the troops is progressing successfully so far. Now only \$50,000 more is needed to complete the \$2,500,000 required for the payment of arrears of pay, the disbandment and other necessary expenses.

The attention of members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club is drawn to an announcement in another column of a series of competitions for men and ladies at Fanning during the Whitsuntide holidays. A fourth of the entrance fees is to go to a war charity.

Mr. Oki, Chief of the Japanese Bureau of Commerce, recently gave to the Chamber of Commerce at Osaka explanations of the Enemy Trading Act promulgated in Japan. He announced that the Japanese Government is compiling a Black List which will be issued after consultation with the British Government.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. T. W. Ainsworth to act as Secretary to the Sanitary Board.

His Excellency the Governor has, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, been pleased to appoint Mr. E. R. Dovey to be Analyst, Medical Department, with effect from 1st January 1917.

News has reached Shanghai that Second Lieut. C. Wilson of the Gordon Highlanders was killed in action on May 7th. The young officer was born in Shanghai and was employed in the Finance Department of the Municipal Council.

Mr. Frederick Sassoon, whose death was announced in a recent London telegram, was managing director of David Sassoon & Co., Ltd. He was the only surviving son of the founder of David Sassoon & Co., and was in Shanghai some 40 years ago, during the formation of the company. He remained at the time of his death considerable holdings in Shanghai. Much larger interests however were those in India, France and England. He left Shanghai about 30 years ago, and had applied himself closely to business affairs up until the time of his death, which was sudden. He was about 65 years old. His widow, a son and a daughter survive him. The son, Mr. Ronald Sassoon, was severely wounded last year during the Somaia battle, but has now almost entirely recovered and was recently named a director of David Sassoon & Co. A nephew, Sir Philip Sassoon, member for Hythe, and a General French. Mr. Sassoon was known always as a shrewd man of business and of a retiring and unassuming nature, seldom appearing in public life.

MUNITION SUPPLIES.
A REQUEST TO THE PUBLIC
IN THE COLONIES.

Some official correspondence is published by command in the Government Gazette relative to the procedure which should be adopted in the case of orders from Colonies not possessing Responsible Government and Protectorates for the supply from the United Kingdom of machinery and other materials (such as steel, tin-plates, copper wire, etc.) for which there is a demand for war purposes.

H.E. the Governor has appointed the Director of Public Works as the Munitions Priority Authority.

An extract from a circular despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of Hongkong, dated 14th February, 1917, says:—

I take this opportunity to state that the Minister of Munitions is anxious that merchants and the general public in British overseas possessions will co-operate with him by (a) endeavouring to do without such supplies as need priority, and (b) realizing that priority is only refused with great reluctance in order to conserve the maximum supplies for hastening the Allied victory and a satisfactory peace. I shall be glad if you will give publicity to this request.

THE REGISTRATION ORDINANCE.

The following order has been made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 3(a) of the Registration of Persons Ordinance, 1916, Ordinance No. 6 of 1916:—

The First Schedule to the Registration of Persons Ordinance, 1916, is hereby repealed and the following schedule is substituted therefor:—

- FIRST SCHEDULE.
- (1) Members of His Majesty's Regular Naval or Military Forces.
 - (2) Consular Officers of Foreign States.
 - (3) The wives and daughters of persons included in the two classes specified above so long as such persons are resident in the Colony.
 - (4) Persons of Chinese Race.
 - (5) Persons not exceeding 18 years of age.
- Note.—Any person who has already registered prior to the making of this order will not be required to register.

THE RECONSTRUCTED "SUI AN."

The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd., have had a trial trip with their steamer *Sui An*, which has been under course of reconstruction at the yard of Messrs Kwong Tuck Cheong since the beginning of the year. The superstructure has been completely rebuilt of steel frames and plated bulwarks and the accommodation follows the style of the *S. Tai-shan* of the same Company. Much credit is due to the Contractors for turning out such good substantial work. Messrs Goddard and Douglas, local surveyors, and Captain Connor of the Company, supervised the rebuilding. The Steamboat Company is to be congratulated on the acquisition of a modern and up-to-date river steamer specially adapted to the Hongkong and Macao trade.

The *Sui An* will relieve the steamer *Tai-shan* for docking purposes on Monday the 21st instant, after which she will resume her regular run on the Hongkong-Macao Line in place of the *S. Tai Tai*, which will be transferred to the Macao-Canton Line in due course.

NEW ORGAN AT UNION CHURCH.

A new organ has been installed in Union Church and the service at the Church to-morrow morning will be a dedication service in connection with the opening of the organ.
The new organ has been constructed by Messrs Blackett and Howden, of Newcastle-on-Tyne to specifications drawn up by Mr. E. J. Chapman, the organist of the Church. Mr. W. C. Blackett of the firm which built the organ came out specially to erect and finish it. A feature in the construction of the new organ is that the action, squares and backfalls are of phosphor bronze instead of wood as ordinarily, and several other deviations which the local climate renders advisable have been introduced. The blowing plant is the gift of Major D. Macdonald. The organ has a manual compass from C.C. to A-A3 notes, and a pedal compass of 30 notes, C.C.C. to F.
On Wednesday evening next at 8 p.m. Mr. Denham Fuller, F.R.C.O., I.R.A.M., will give a recital on the organ.

TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

[BY TATTLER.]

Shanghai has recently been denoting of its hail stones—running to seven inches in circumference, and I don't know how many pounds in weight. Hongkong cannot compete with Shanghai in the matter of hailstones. But what about mosquitoes? We have had them this year in far greater numbers than usual, and as for the size of them—well, to avoid exaggeration, let it be said that their size has been extraordinary. Residents slumbering peacefully at night under the nets on the Peak are reported to have been awakened by what they imagined to be the military band, but when thoroughly aroused found it to be the humming of a merry swarm of mosquitoes, vainly struggling to get through the net to revenge themselves on the sleeper.

Certainly, mosquitoes have been exceptionally numerous as well as exceptionally large this year, everywhere on the Peak. No doubt this is due to the lateness of the rains. The heavy downpours we have had this week should confer the double benefit of ridding us to a large extent of the plague of mosquitoes, and replenishing our sadly depleted reservoirs.

Everybody in the Colony must have been interested in the scheme which has been placed before the community this week for raising, by additional taxation a sum of two million dollars a year without hardship or inconvenience to anybody. But while it is doubtless possible to get the two millions in the manner described there is an entire lack of support for the assertion that it can be obtained without inflicting hardship or causing inconvenience. It is a commonplace that nobody welcomes taxation.

But there are other ways and means of raising that two millions. India at the present time is raising many millions of rupees by sweepstakes, the prizes in which are paid in Indian 5% per cent. War Loan Bonds. Syndicates at Bombay, Calcutta and in Burma are doing this with the sanction of the Indian Government. Moreover, in a London paper by today's mail I notice a writer who is usually well informed states that the issue of Premium Bonds in Great Britain is "a practical certainty." Let that be done in Hongkong, making the prizes payable in Hongkong 6% per cent. War Loan Bonds and there will not be much difficulty in raising another two millions a year. But Premium Bonds are regarded at the present time both in the United Kingdom and in Hongkong as contravening the gambling laws, and there are circumstances which make it likely that Hongkong would be about the last place in the Empire to resort to this means of raising revenue.

At the present time the Siberian mail route has little or no advantage over the Suez route, but in view of the recent announcement at Shanghai by the British Postmaster that the dispatch of mails via Siberia had been stopped, the arrival of the latest mail via Suez without letters, suggests the inquiry as to whether we are in future to expect our letters via Suez or via Canada.

By the way it has been a subject of comment that no announcement has been made by the Hongkong Post Office corresponding to that made by the British Post Office at Shanghai. In these times, perhaps, it is expected of the Hongkong public that they should "lay low and say nothing"—and just take our mails as they come and let them go by routes known only to the Postmaster. But when I see it stated that mails via Canada have been taking two months to reach Japan from England, it excites some curiosity to know whether Hongkong is to be dependant on this service in future. The Shanghai Postmaster has stated that mails would be forwarded from Shanghai by that route.

They know how to boom shovels in Japan. An amusing heading in a Japanese paper says: "Dapper come recommended rule and regulation."

to Tokyo," and the subject matter of the article tells how "thirty tons of scenery and costumes for Kismet, the most elaborate theatrical production ever seen in the Far East" had reached Tokyo. Some idea of the untainted wealth of colour, the realism and the artistic detail with which it is intended to surround this remarkable performance, may be gathered from the fact that the costumes and properties alone were packed in forty large cases. There are one hundred and twenty-two costumes. The scenery which will give a true picture of Bagdad, and which will be mounted by an expert, involves some fifteen changes during the performance. All the scenery, the costumes and the properties have been imported for the occasion. The notices do not say whence it was all imported, but the reader is left to infer from the context that it all came either from London or New York. Many would not stop to think what the Shipping Controller would have to say about those forty cases which are alleged to have weighed or measured thirty tons. As a matter of fact it all went from Hongkong where the scenery costumes and properties were made and everybody who is anybody has had the pleasure of seeing it all at our Theatre Royal.

THE MAGISTRACY.

THEFT OF AN IRON BAR.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning a Chinese was charged with the theft of an iron bar, valued at \$2.80, the property of Lam Fu Kan, in Bonham Road. The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge and after evidence was heard the case was adjourned.

LARCENY FROM KOWLOON GODOWNS.

A Chinese coolie, was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with stealing two earthenware cups from the Hongkong-Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.

Mr. P. Packham, Superintendent of the Kowloon Godowns, appeared to prosecute and the defendant, who pleaded guilty to the charge, was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

A VIOLENT FOREDITOR.

A coolie woman, whilst walking in Third Street yesterday, met an old man to whom she had lent ten cents about a year ago, and who had never repaid her. She immediately accosted her debtor and demanded payment of the borrowed money. When the old man attempted to evade her, she promptly removed one of her clogs and struck him over the head with it. The old man quickly summoned a police constable and had his assailant taken into custody.

Brought before Mr. Wood this morning the woman was ordered to pay one dollar compensation to her debtor, who, with his head swathed in bandages, appeared in Court as complainant against her.

THEFT OF CHICKENS.

In Mr. Melbourne's Court this morning a Chinese pleaded guilty to stealing five chickens and a clock from a married woman, residing in Kowloon City, and was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour.

CHINESE GAMBEERS.

Twelve Chinese were lined up before Mr. Melbourne this morning on a charge of gambling, and the first defendant was also charged with being the keeper of the gambling house wherein the defendants were caught gaming.

After evidence was heard, eleven of the defendants were each fined two dollars, and the first defendant, who pleaded to the first charge and not guilty to the second and was defended by Mr. Leo d'Almeida, was remanded.

THE ST. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION.

The General Committee for St. George's Day celebration is to hold a final meeting on Monday next, the 21st inst. in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, which has been kindly lent for the purpose. The meeting has been called to receive the Hon. Treasurer's report, which has been audited by Mr. A. E. Lowe, and also to consider the question of forming a St. George's Society in Hongkong. In connection with the latter, the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp and Mr. H. W. Looker have kindly drawn up a list of names for the committee.

CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO FUND.

The following is the subscription list to date:—

Acknowledged to 13th April, 1917	\$20,181.40
Since received:—	
Mr. A. J. Walters	2.00
M.S.S. (May sub.)	5.00
Mr. Perry	12.00
Mr. P. G. Becker, Whampoa, Canton (sub. for April)	22.00
Lustine Recreation Club, commission on Cash Sweeps and sale of Programmes at Sports	34.30
Anonymous	30.00
Per Sec. Mar. Engineers' Guild	11.00
Raz. Dazzle	5.00
Civil Service (Cricket Club)	22.00
Seniors	5.00
P.T.K.	5.00
Lost from raid on coolies gambling	.95
Collected by Mrs. Arthur, List No. 8:—	
H.F.W.	50.00
The Old Kings	25.50
D.O.G.	25.00
A.H.C.	25.00
Duchess of Hamilton	15.00
M.C.B.S.	13.00
R.S.N., L.P.C., C.C., F.G., G.A.P., H.F.C., P.D.S., at \$10.00 each	70.00
R.A., She Tai Tsoi, San Shau Shaw, at \$6.00 each	18.00
T.J.F., G.M.S., F.A.W., J.M., J.M.H., N.S.M., J. van R., C.B.D., J.P., H.H., R.H., W. and H., J.S.D., S.G.N., G.C.M., E.M.E., G.H.P.H., R.S., G.M.A., H.W.K., S.H.D., A.G.G., H.R.L.D., A.S., T.A.L., A.E.G., at \$5.00 each	130.00
J.H.R., E.A., J.B., F.B., P.H.H., W.S., G.M.S., H.H., at \$10.00 each	24.00
A.R.A., J.B.K., F.W.T., W.D., D.L.F., R.W.M., W.C.B., R.M.F., A.G., J.H.D., R.G.H., C.H.B., T.B.C., R.A.W., R.P.T., R.T.B., A.S.L., T.C.D., W.J.M., B.N., G.B.L., H.W.D., G.E., W.R.M., C.H.R., A.O.L., G.G.F., J.H.R., R.M.C., F.S.T., E.G.S., D.E.C., G.A.T., J.H.C.L., at \$2.00 each	74.00
G.M.L., T.C.N., H.F.C., at \$1.00 each	3.00
	\$20,443.55

Expended to 13th April \$19,342.08
Since expended:—
200,000 cigarettes sent to the troops at the front 642.38

Balance on hand \$ 259.84

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Lieut. Colonel F. C. Nibbet, Commanding 8th D.C.L.I., Salonica Force, 2nd March, 1917.

The case of cigarettes so kindly sent us from the "Cigarette and Tobacco Fund" arrived safely last week, whilst we were in the trenches, and was at once distributed through the Battalion. I wish to thank you and your friends very heartily both on my own and the men's behalf for your welcome present, and the kindly thought that prompted it. The cigarettes are immensely appreciated by all the men; in these days of summaries they are difficult to procure out here, especially as we are 40 miles from the nearest shop. Things are going well out here, and brother Bulgar is showing distinct signs of discouragement. Once more thanking you, Believe me, yours sincerely,

Major K. A. Brown, F.R.I., 10th Devons, 24th February, 1917.

The cigarettes, despatched on your behalf by the British American Tobacco Co., on November 29th, have just arrived and have been distributed among the men of the Battalion. The gift is very much appreciated; as I need not say, both for its own sake and because of the thought for the men which prompted the sending of it, and on the men's behalf I wish to thank you and the subscribers to your Fund very heartily.

Yours faithfully,
Lieut. Col. H. Baker, S.B., 4th R.B.C., Salonica Field Force, Salonica, 1st February, 1917.

Just a line, to thank you on behalf of our stretcher bearers for your kindness in sending us the cigarettes, which we were all very pleased with. It is nice to know we are not forgotten, and to receive such gifts from kind friends in Hongkong, whom we have never seen. The knives were distributed in Salonica. All goes well out here and we are certain that victory is ours, and peace not far off. All now, trusting you are well, with my best respects and good wishes, Yours sincerely,

Col. Downie and Opl. McKay, No. 5 Platoon, A Coy., 1st Cameron Highlanders, 7th February, 1917.

I have to thank you on behalf of men belonging to the above platoon for your gift of "Woodbine." At present, we are enjoying them, and we all hope to get you another gift of the "Cameron" in the Happy Valley of Hongkong. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, M. Wharmby, S.M. Hill Street.

TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

DEATH OF THE RAJAH OF SARAWAK.

London, May 17. The death is announced of H.H. Sir Charles Johnson Brooke, the Rajah of Sarawak. Sir Charles had formerly held a commission in H.M. Navy. He resigned his commission in order to serve under his uncle in Sarawak and became Rajah in 1888. He was born in 1829 and was, therefore, 88 years of age at his death.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, May 18. Messrs. Montagu's silver report states that the market is steady. There is no time to feature special interest except a continued paucity of sales from America. There have been a few general orders. The bulk of the business has been for exchange.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

CAPTURE OF BULECOURT.

London, May 17. Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We completed the capture of Bulecourt today, taking 60 prisoners.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

APPRECIABLE ADVANCE.

London, May 17. A French communiqué says:—We have completely re-established our line north of Laffaux Mill, and have appreciably advanced east of Gromme and Hill 168, to the south of Berry-au-Bac, capturing prisoners. Artillery duelling has been fairly violent on the Calonne plateau.

CONTINUED PROGRESS OF ITALIANS.

London, May 17. An Italian official message says:—There has been bitter and prolonged fighting between Cucco and Vodicce. The enemy repeatedly launched considerable masses against the new positions, but they all were repulsed. The rocky bastion of Mont Cucco, from Height 611 to Height 524, remained firmly ours.

We appreciably progressed towards the important summit of Height 522, at Vodicce.

Enemy counter-attacks eastward of Goria broke down. We occupied an important height southward of Grazzini, and threw back with serious losses, a powerful enemy attack in the northern sector. The enemy shelled a field hospital at Cervignano, there being six victims.

We prisoners, from the 14th to the 18th inst., 4,921, of which 124 are officers.

BRITISH SUCCESS ON THE STRUMA.

London, May 17. A British official message from Salonika says:—We heavily repulsed two strong counter-attacks at Kypri, on the Struma front, taking 96 prisoners.

THE IMPERIAL WAR CABINET.

London, May 17. In the House of Lords, Lord Curzon made a statement with regard to the Imperial War Cabinet similar to that made by the Premier.

THE GOVERNMENT OF QUEENSLAND.

PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH UPPER HOUSE DEFEATED.

BRISBANE, May 17. The Referendum has resulted in the defeat of the proposal to abolish the Queensland Upper House.

[The Parliament of Queensland consists of two houses: a Legislative Council of 38 members, nominated for life by the Crown, and a Legislative Assembly of 75 members elected by universal adult suffrage.]

AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS.

SOLDIERS VOTE FOR MR. HUGHES.

MELBOURNE, May 17. It is now known that the soldiers' votes were largely cast for Mr. Hughes. The latter, in the course of a speech, said this was one of the most gratifying features of the recent Commonwealth elections. A Nationalist victory would deprive Australian troops of fresh laurels.

FOOD ECONOMY.

London, May 17. In the House of Lords, Lord Devonport said that the voluntary food economy campaign was becoming effective. There was a marked decrease in the general consumption, particularly of bread, in forty towns, including Birmingham and Leeds. He hoped that the voluntary effort would achieve the desired end.

THE NEW BRITISH TRADE CORPORATION.

THE FINANCIAL PRELIMINARIES.

London, May 17. In the House of Commons, Sir Albert Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, stated that the new British Trade Corporation would have a capital of £10,000,000. It was proposed to raise £1 million should be subscribed before the prospectus was issued. He had interviewed representative bankers and explained the scheme to them and asked for their support. The Banks were practically unanimous in support of the scheme, although he could not say that all of them were equally enthusiastic in agreeing to subscribe capital. A number of the larger Banks had subscribed toward the million which was necessary in order to launch the scheme. The Government did not propose to subscribe capital, or to subsidise the undertaking in any way. He believed the Corporation would serve a very useful purpose. In the course of the debate the scheme was strongly criticised, the terms of the Charter being attacked. Mr. Chamberlain promised that the Government would reconsider the matter in the light of the criticisms, but he was unable to promise to revise, or to withdraw the Charter.

THE HOME RULE QUESTION.

London, May 17. Mr. Lloyd George, replying to Mr. Lloyd George, stated that they will undertake to submit the settlement suggestions to the Ulster Unionist Council's sympathetic consideration. Mr. Balfour, replying to Mr. Lloyd George, said that the Nationalists are prepared to recommend the assembling of a Convention, provided that Irishmen of all creeds are represented.

PRESS TRIBUTE TO GENERAL SMUTS.

London, May 17. The Daily Telegraph, in an editorial headed "An Historic Speech," says:—General Smuts' speech is one of the finest and most statesmanlike utterances that the war has produced. If the British nation has not realised fully before, it is assuredly will understand now what a noble ornament and a strong pillar of the Empire it possesses in the soldier-statesman who represented the Union at the Imperial War Conference. Hitherto we have thought of him principally as a brilliant soldier, but the future may well reveal that his political services are even more valuable still. This is always a rare and sometimes a dangerous combination of genius, but we know from General Smuts' speeches where his deepest hopes are centred, that he hates war and that all his ambitions are set upon serving his fellow countrymen, South Africa and the Empire to which he is proud to belong. If we interpret General Smuts' speech aright, we detect therein a note of friendly and earnest caution to those who think the time is ripe for forming a new Constitution of the Empire with a new Imperial Parliament, a new Imperial Treasury, and new Imperial taxes. The idea is noble, imposing and logical, but it is none the less full of peril and quicksands, and, above all, open to the fatal objection that it does not seem to be desired by the responsible spokesmen of the Dominions. "May be taken, therefore, to indicate that the special War Conference which will be called at the end of the war to consider the general problem of Imperial reconstruction will not favour the idea of a unified Parliament of the Empire. Reconstruction will have to proceed on lines less sensational but far more consonant with the British traditions of gradual evolution." Indeed, it has already begun during the last two weeks in the admission to the Imperial Cabinet of statesmen of the Dominions and representatives of India.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA.

The twenty-fourth annual report of the board of directors to the shareholders states:—The Directors submit to the Shareholders of the Bank the General Balance Sheet and Statement of Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The Net Profit for the year, after providing for bad and doubtful debts, and including £31,302 6s. 6d. brought forward from last Account, amount to £164,676 11s. 4d. From this sum has to be deducted £28,125, being the Interim Dividend of 5 per cent, less Income Tax, on the "A" and "B" Shares paid for the half-year ending 30th June, 1916.

The Directors have added £50,000 to the Reserve Fund (raising to £500,000), £5,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, and written £10,000 off Freehold Bank Building Premises. They now recommend a further Dividend on the "A" and "B" Shares of 7 per cent, less Income Tax, for the second half of the year (making 12 per cent for the year), leaving a balance of £22,176 11s. 4d. to be carried forward.

A Branch of the Bank has been opened in Mauritius by the absorption of the Bank of Mauritius Limited. Mr. P. R. Chalmers, of Messrs. Chalmers, Guthrie & Co., Ltd., has been appointed to a seat on the Board.

The following Directors retire by rotation, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election:—Mr. Jas. Campbell and Mr. P. R. Chalmers.

It will be necessary to appoint Auditors. Messrs. Cooper Brothers & Co., and Messrs. W. A. Browne & Co., the retiring Auditors, offer themselves for re-election.

By order of the Board, P. MOULD, Chief Manager.

GYMKHANA TRAINING TIMES.

The times of the gallops done this morning of the ponies in training for the Gymkhana next Saturday were as follows:—

Moka, 1 mile, 38, 1.15, 1.48.4; last 1.33.4.

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BROWN DEER, 1/4, 41.2, 1.33.3, 1.17.2, 2.30, 3.02; last 3.02.

THOMAS, 1 mile, 42, 1.19.2, 1.56.2, 2.32; last 2.32.

KING DICK and TOWN MOOSE, 1 mile, 37, 1.11.3, 1.44.4, 2.18.2; last 2.18.2.

NEW VALLEY, 1/4, 43, 1.22, 1.59, 2.32.2, 3.06; last 3.06.

AVANTALIAN CHIEF, 1 mile, 38, 1.14, 1.42.2, 2.19.2; last 2.19.

MAGIC DUMMIE, 1 mile, 37, 1.13, 1.46.2, 2.19.4; last 2.19.4.

FIELD MOOSE, 1/4, 39, 1.13.4, 1.50, 2.25.2, 3.03.2; last 3.04.

PINAWU CHIEF and TITENKOUS, 1 mile, 38.3, 1.07.4, 1.42, 2.14.4; last 2.14.4.

SINOA, 1/4, 39.3, 1.12.2, 1.51, 2.26, 3.02.4; last 3.05.4.

CHOICE DUMMIE, 1/4, 40, 1.20, 1.57.3, 2.31, 3.03.2; last 3.02.2.

KING DICK and WHIPPET, 1/4, 30, 1.14.1, 1.48.4, 2.23, 2.57.3; last 2.57.3.

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COMPANY REPORTS.

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LIMITED.

The report of the Directors for the year ending 30th April, 1917, states:—Gentlemen,—The Directors now beg to submit to you their Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1917.

The Net Profit for the twelve months, after deducting Directors' Fees and General Managers' Remuneration and providing for loss on subsidiary and silver coins, amounts to £22,032.06.

To which has to be added the Balance brought forward from last account, £1,509.92.

Making available for appropriation, £23,541.98.

The Directors recommend that a Dividend at the rate of 7 per cent per annum be paid to Shareholders, amounting to £21,000.00, and that the Balance of £2,541.98 be carried to a new Profit and Loss Account.

DIRECTORS.

During the year Hon. Mr. David Landale resigned on leaving the Colony, and his place was filled by Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton.

In accordance with Rule 73 of the Company's Articles of Association, Dr. J. W. Noble, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, G.M.C., and Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. C. Bennett Brown and A. R. Lowe, who offer themselves for re-election.

HENRY HUMPHREYS, Chairman.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1917.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA.

The twenty-fourth annual report of the board of directors to the shareholders states:—

The Directors submit to the Shareholders of the Bank the General Balance Sheet and Statement of Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The Net Profit for the year, after providing for bad and doubtful debts, and including £31,302 6s. 6d. brought forward from last Account, amount to £164,676 11s. 4d. From this sum has to be deducted £28,125, being the Interim Dividend of 5 per cent, less Income Tax, on the "A" and "B" Shares paid for the half-year ending 30th June, 1916.

The Directors have added £50,000 to the Reserve Fund (raising to £500,000), £5,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, and written £10,000 off Freehold Bank Building Premises. They now recommend a further Dividend on the "A" and "B" Shares of 7 per cent, less Income Tax, for the second half of the year (making 12 per cent for the year), leaving a balance of £22,176 11s. 4d. to be carried forward.

A Branch of the Bank has been opened in Mauritius by the absorption of the Bank of Mauritius Limited. Mr. P. R. Chalmers, of Messrs. Chalmers, Guthrie & Co., Ltd., has been appointed to a seat on the Board.

The following Directors retire by rotation, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election:—Mr. Jas. Campbell and Mr. P. R. Chalmers.

It will be necessary to appoint Auditors. Messrs. Cooper Brothers & Co., and Messrs. W. A. Browne & Co., the retiring Auditors, offer themselves for re-election.

By order of the Board, P. MOULD, Chief Manager.

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J. Scott Harston, 50.00
H. W. Looker, 50.00
H. J. Gedde, 50.00
Officers 74th Punjab, 50.00
A. McIntyre, 50.00
C. A. Hooper, 35.00
D. McMurray, 20.00

H. W. Bird, R. Morgan, H. Cornwell, A. H. Milroy, E. A. Johnson, X.Y., T. K. Dealy, T. J. Crispin, Dr. G. D. Black, £10.00 each, 90.00

A. Course, W. Highy, J. R. F. D. Wilson, H. E. Goldsmith, G. Crat, R. J. Del Pan, H. W. Taylor, J. Pringle, J. Taylor, H. M. Russell, J. Thomas, J. Ralston, H. Maxwell, W. L. Handyside, B. Tanner, A. Morris, R. E. O. Bird, £3.00 each, 30.00

Members of the Phoenix Club per Mr. J. A. Tarrant, £13.00 each, 30.00
A. Bryson, S. E. Green, C. Kline, J. Jones, H. Stephens, J. Hill, J. Lennox, B. Branch, E. J. Pottinger, W. Mesney, E. A. Matthews, Shaka, W. Anderson, £10.00 each, 130.00

J. A. Tarrant, H. A. Scott, P. Page, Anthony, C. H. Pennicfather, A. Cornelissen, H. M. Bain, A. C. Dias, £3.00 each, 40.00
Billiards £1.00, 1.00

Staff of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Per Mr. J. A. Tarrant, £1.00 each, 201.00

J. A. Tarrant, J. R. Capell, J. R. Stitar, E. James, V. Murrell, F. C. Todd, J. Spittles, A. P. Nobbs, J. M. Wong, W. Morley, H. Relp, A. Smith, £85.00 each, 60.00
A. Gibbs, G. Rapp, £3.00 each, 6.00

Kok On Cement Works per Mr. H. Doughty, Chan Chee, 25.00
V. Uddall, 20.00
H. Doughty, T. Arnold, J. Henderson, F. Prata, J. P. Christenson, £10.00 each, 50.00

M. A. D. C. Nicholl, D. McLarn, Shi Chee Kwan, R. Christenson, £5.00 each, 25.00
A. M. Pea & O. Oliveria, £3.00 each, 6.00

Amount previously acknowledged, £5,131.39

Total, £6,049.39

CURE OF WAR WOUNDS.

WHAT SCIENCE IS DOING FOR THE SOLDIER.

Science has made many strides during the present war in the direction of fighting disease and wounds. In this respect it owes much to the bacteriologist, and recently at the meeting of the Royal Microscopical Society, Dr. Kenneth Goadby of the Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, showed and explained many interesting slides which illustrated this recovery from all wounds is endangered by the attacks of bacteria, which are introduced into them by the bullet or the scrap of shell, and that is why the life history of these little criminals is so interesting and so important.

Like other criminals, it is most important to get to know something about their life history, and to obtain photographs of them, so that they can be identified when caught at their evil work. As in their adult age they are only about one 25-thousandth of an inch in length, they are not easy to detect, and it is here that the microscope comes in so useful.

Dr. Goadby showed slides which contained specimens of some of the worst and most dangerous of the bacilli malignant oedema, the bacillus Hilber, which causes the frightful small in some wounds, and the bacillus perfringens, which gives rise to gas gangrene. Fortunately the human body contains an active and intelligent police force, which hunts down these criminals ceaselessly. Some of these phagocytes were shown. It is the work of the surgeon to give them a sort of medical tonic to increase their appetite. One slide showed a group of them lying like bees on structures, with the enemies they had eaten being comfortably digested in their stomachs.

The total output of the Kilian Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 14th May amounted to 67,823 tons, and the sales during the period to 59,384 tons.

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COMMERCIAL.

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Maxon and Taylor's weekly Share Report states:—The market continues dull with scanty business passing, and there are no changes of any importance to record.

Shanghai seems to have improved slightly. Cottons are slightly firmer and Shanghai Docks have moved up a point.

RUBBER is quoted 3/6 (Plantation). Banks after sales at £710 have dropped to £705.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions remain nominal at 3/6 and Cantons at 3/50. North China at 1/50 and Yangtze at 3/17 are all without business.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong Fire could be placed at 3/25, China Fire at 1/40.

SHIPPING.—Douglases after sales at 3/2 are in demand at 3/4. Indo-China have slightly improved their position since the general meeting to a buying quotation of 1/10 1/2 for deferred. Cash shares seem very scarce. Star Ferries are in demand at 3/2, Steamboats after sales at 1/1 1/2 are still wanted.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been done at 1/10, but at 1/10 there are sellers. Malabars are wanted at 3/9.

OILS AND MINING.—Langkate could be placed at 1/17, in Shanghai. Rauba are lifeless at 2/60. Tronoh at 3/7 1/2 and Ural Caspians at 3/4 are both nominal. Shells have come to business at 1/10, at which rate probably more shares could be placed. Ailans are the subject of enquiry at 3/1 1/2 ex 1 dividend just paid.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Kowloon Wharves are a weak market at 3/10 1/2. Hongkong Docks are a trifle firmer with buyers at 1/12 1/2. Shanghai Docks have improved to a buying quotation at 1/12 1/2.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Centrals are nominal at 3/50, West Points are sellers at 3/50. Hongkong Lands at 3/10 and Kowloon Lands at 3/50 are both without business. Humphreys are wanted at 3/10, and Hongkong Hotels at 1/10.

COTTON MILLS.—The Shanghai market seems slightly firmer. Shanghai Cottons are sellers at 3/50. Kung Yik at 1/12 1/2, Kung Yik at 1/12 1/2, would probably all find buyers. Yangtze papers have been done at 1/12 1/2 and are the subject of an unsatisfied demand.

ELECTRIC COMPANIES.—Hongkong Electric after sales at 3/50 are wanted at 3/40. China Light is quiet at 3/4. Hongkong Tram could be placed at 3/50.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Provident and China Borneo are both nominal at 3/50. Cement after weakness close a little firmer with buyers at 3/50. Watsons have been done at 3/50. Lower Level Trams could be placed at 3/50, but no shares are coming out at this figure. William Powells are easier with sellers at 3/50. Dairy Farms after sales at 3/50 are wanted at a slightly lower rate. Waterboats are still 1/10 without business. Hongkong Ice at 1/10 remain without business.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

Major Wakeman, Commanding H.K.V.R.

DETAILS.

On duty from the morning of Sunday the 20th May to the morning of Sunday the 27th May "B" Coy. H.K.V.R. Ordeley Officer Lieut. B. R. Branch. Next for duty H.K.V.R.

PARADES FOR NEXT WEEK.

Monday, 21st instant: Signalling Section, "A" and "B" Classes at Volunteer Headquarters at 6.15 p.m. Dress: Clean Fatigue.

Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 6.15 p.m. Dress: Clean Fatigue.

Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 6.15 p.m. and Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill Order.

Tuesday, 22nd instant: Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill Order.

"A" and "B" Coys. on the road outside the Ordeley Room at 6.15 p.m. Kowloon and Tai Koo Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill Order.

Wednesday, 23rd instant: Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 6.15 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill Order.

Friday, 25th instant: Signalling Sections, "A"

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North American Line. For VICTORIA, SEATTLE AND TACOMA, via SHANGHAI, MANILA, NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

"MANILA MARU".....Wednesday, 23rd May, at 3 p.m.
"CHICAGO MARU".....Monday, 4th June, at 3 p.m.

FORMOSAN LINE.—For Tamsui, Keelung, Auping and Takao, via Swatow and Amoy.

"KAJUO MARU".....Sunday, 28th May, at Noon.
"SOSHU MARU".....Thursday, 31st May, at Noon.

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SWATOW & BANGKOK	LUCHOW	May 20, at Noon
HOIHOW, FAKHOI & HAIPHONG	KAPONG	May 22, at Noon
SHANGHAI	CHENAN	May 22, at 4 p.m.
TIENSIN	KWELIN	May 24, at Noon
SHANGHAI	SEIKANG	May 24, at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	TEAN	May 30, at Noon

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MANILA	TAISANG	SATURDAY, May 26, at 3 p.m.

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R. C. MORTON,

General Agent, Hongkong, May 17, 1917. 1806

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having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or extra Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by 24th May, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 22nd May, 1917, at 10 a.m.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Agents, Hongkong, May 17, 1917. 1804

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM KOBE.

THE Steamship

"TJIBODAS"

having arrived from the above port, Consignees of Cargo by her are notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or extra Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by 24th May, 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 23rd May, 1917, at 10 a.m.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Head Office, Hongkong, May 17, 1917. 1806

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Company's Steamship,

"KAMO MARU"

having arrived from the above port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hazardous and/or extra Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence each consignment will be noted on mark by mark and delivery has been obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-morrow.

Goods not cleared by the 24th May, 1917, will be subject to rent.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co's representatives at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SHIDZUOKA MARU	Tons 12,500	WEDNESDAY, 20th June, at Noon.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	TANGO MARU	Tons 13,500	SATURDAY, 19th May, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TAISHO MARU	Tons 8,000	SATURDAY, 19th May.
	KASHIMA MARU	Tons 21,000	FRIDAY, 25th May, at 11 a.m.
	SENZEN MARU	Tons 8,000	WEDNESDAY, 31st May.
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CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONGKONG.

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION, MAY 20TH.
Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)
Matins (11 a.m.)
Responses: Festal: Venite, Turner; Psalms, Hayes, Ouseley; Te Deum, Turner; Goss, 1st (7th evening); Jubilate, Troutbeck (7th morning); Antiphon, "Turn Thee Again" (Antiphon); Holy Communion (11 noon)
Byron, 147.
God Save the King.
Evening (6 p.m.)
Responses: Festal: Psalms, Old Melody; Travers: Magnificat, Garrett (7th morning); Nunc Dimittis, Felton; Hymns, 149 (T. 204), 207, 21.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.
Holy Communion at 9 a.m. Service.
Morning Prayer at 11 a.m.
Responses: Festal: Venite, Tucker; Chant No. 288 W.A. 7 Psalms; Psalm (C.H. Wesley Chant No. 204); Chant No. 210; Te Deum, Turner; Jubilate, Troutbeck; Chant No. 204; Hymns: 228, 241, 242, 243, 249 (Part 2), and (Tune A. & M.) 230.
God Save the King.
Evening Prayer at 6 p.m.
Responses: Festal: Psalms: Psalm (IV Verse) 143, Chant No. 216; Verses 27th and 28th, Chant No. 217; Magnificat, Beethoven, Chant No. 204; Nunc Dimittis, Gilbert, Chant No. 204; Hymns: 248, 250, and 271.
Vesper Hymn.
God Save the King.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.
Sunday Services, May 20th.
Opening of New Organ.
Morning 11 a.m.—Dedication Service.
Festive 11 a.m.—Te Deum, Anthem, "Heaven Unto Me" Sullivan; Hymns: 118, National Anthem.
Evening 6 p.m.—Anthem: "The 100 Years"; "The 100 Years"; Hymns: 118, 241, 242, 371.
Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10.30 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
Preacher: Rev. W. T. Featherstone.

Peak Church.
Evening Service at 6.30.

The Gospel Hall.
10 & 12 Prince Street.
Weekly Services—Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Believers only 11 a.m.; Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday, Bible study 8 p.m.
Friday, Ladies' Bible study, 3.30 p.m.
Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist.
Macdonnell Road.
Sundays, 11 a.m.
Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai.
Sunday Morning Service 10.15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6.15 p.m.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Arenal Street.
Sunday Evening Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.
Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m., followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, General.
Low Mass at 6.7 and 9.30 a.m.
High Mass at 8 a.m.
5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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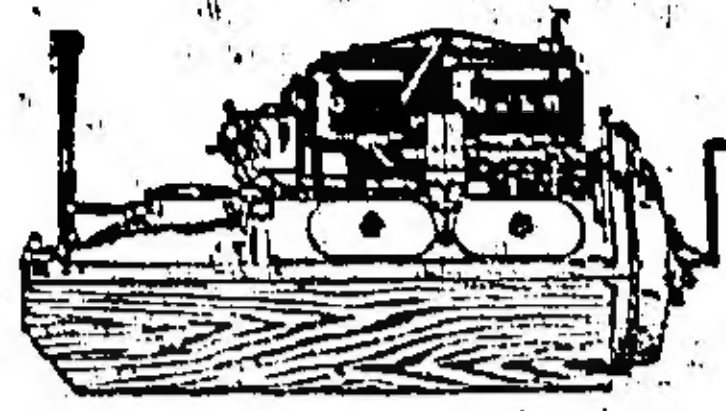
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Hongkong, May 19, 1917. 1915

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ARTHUR VIVIAN HOGG,
ROSSERMAN ROMANEE,
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Hongkong, May 19, 1917. 1918

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TENDERS are invited for the Supply of CARPENTERS, CARPENTERS, PLUMBERS, PAINTERS, SCRAPERS, SHOR-MAKERS OF LEATHERWORKERS, to H. M. Naval Yard.
Forms of Tender can be obtained at the Chief Constructor's Office, H. M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, and should be filled in and returned as indicated in Tender Form, not later than Noon THURSDAY, 31st May, 1917.
C. D. J. BELL,
Chief Constructor.
Hongkong, May 19, 1917. 1914

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 30th May, 1917, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th April, 1917.
THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 24th May to WEDNESDAY, the 30th May, 1917, inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, May 19, 1917. 1916

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THREE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE COMMISSIONER, on

FRIDAY,
the 25th May, 1917, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
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Hongkong, May 19, 1917.

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If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.
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II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Hour ... 0.60 cents.
Three hours ... \$1.00
Six hours ... 1.50
Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) ... 2.00
III.—In the Hill District.
With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.
Quarter hour ... \$0.15 \$0.30
Half hour ... 0.20 0.40
One hour ... 0.30 0.60
Two hours ... 0.50 0.80
Three hours ... 0.70 1.00
Six hours ... 1.00 1.50
Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) ... 1.50 2.00

RIKSHAS.

I.—In the Island of Hongkong if engaged in Victoria.

Ten minutes ... 5 cents.
Quarter hour ... 10
Half hour ... 15
One hour ... 20
Every subsequent hour ... 30
Note.—If the riksha be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be chargeable.
II.—In Kowloon.
Quarter hour ... 5 cents.
Half hour ... 10
One hour ... 15
Every subsequent hour ... 10
Note.—If the riksha be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be chargeable.
III.—Taipo Road.
Twenty cents shall be added for each extra hour or part of an hour if the riksha be engaged for the journey to take longer than—
To 4th mile—
single ... 75 cents ... 1 hour.
return ... \$1.00 ... 2 hours.
Beyond 4th to 6th mile—
single ... \$1.20 ... 2 hours.
return ... \$1.50 ... 4
Beyond 6th to 8th mile—
single ... \$1.75 ... 2 1/2
return ... \$2.00 ... 5
Beyond 8th to 11th mile—
single ... \$2.00 ... 3
return ... \$2.50 ... 7
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From Bay View House to Quarry Bay ... 06
II.—In the City of Victoria.
Not exceeding per passenger.
Quarter hour ... 10 cents.
Half hour ... 20
One hour ... 30
Two hours ... 50
Three ... 60
Four ... 70
Five ... 70
One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (\$1.25)
III.—Beyond Victoria.
Not exceeding per passenger.
Quarter hour ... 40
Half hour ... 50
One hour ... 60
Two hours ... 1.40
Three ... 2.20
Four ... 2.40
Five ... 2.60
One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$5.00
Between the hours of 6.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 10 per centum.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 19th at 11.25—No returns from Japanese stations. Pressure has decreased slightly over the Philippines, and remains practically stationary elsewhere; except in the vicinity of Shanghai, where a slight increase has occurred.

An anticyclone probably extends from the China coast to the Bonins, and relatively low areas cover S. Manchuria and the south part of the China.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 15.33 inches, against an average of 17.80 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 20th May—
1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair to cloudy.
2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN MAY.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of May, 1917.

Date.	Ends	Begins
May 19th, 5.30 a.m.	7.08 p.m.	
" 20th, 5.30 "	7.08 "	
" 21st, 5.30 "	7.08 "	
" 22nd, 5.30 "	7.09 "	
" 23rd, 5.30 "	7.10 "	
" 24th, 5.30 "	7.11 "	
" 25th, 5.30 "	7.11 "	
" 26th, 5.30 "	7.12 "	
" 27th, 5.30 "	7.12 "	
" 28th, 5.30 "	7.12 "	
" 29th, 5.30 "	7.13 "	
" 30th, 5.30 "	7.13 "	
" 31st, 5.30 "	7.13 "	

ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

MAY 19, 1917.—a.m.

MAY 18, 1917.—A.M.							
Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.		
					Direction.	Force.	Weather.